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* 31 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the minimum number of marks for a pass in English in the case of a trained Vidwan in Tamil appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Candidates who have obtained the marks prescribed by the University of Madras from time to time will merely be declared eligible for University courses of studies. According to the ordinance issued by the University, all candidates appearing for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination including Vidwans in Tamil who have secured not less than 40 per cent of marks in English shall be declared eligible for collegiate studies.

3-10 p.m. SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government recommend to the University a special relaxation in the case of Vidwans as they have already qualified themselves for the Oriental Title and also had training, and as English is not a very important subject for them for handling Tamil?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have no such proposal.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the encouragement shown to Tamil by the Government which is but right, will the Government make an exception in the case of these Pandits and tell the University that the minimum number of marks in English, especially a few marks low in English, need not count in the case of these Vidwans who are to prosper as I Grade Vidwans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government are no doubt, interested in these Vidwans and these Tamil scholars. But if the University prescribes that there should be a minimum of 40 per cent marks in English, this Government do not feel it right to plead with the University to relax this.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is there not a rule in the Department of Education, apart from what is obtaining in the University, to the effect that Vidwans and other Oriental Title-holders who obtain less than 40 per cent but more than 30 per cent are fit for all purposes of promotion and so on in the department concerned though they may not be eligible for admission to a collegiate course of study?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Promotion in service is one thing, but eligibility for a higher course of education is quite a different thing.

L.I.Ms. and G.C.I.Ms.

* 32 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Register of Licentiates in Indian Medicine and G.C.I.M. has been maintained; and

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(*b*) if so, the number of L.I.Ms. and G.C.I.Ms. qualified in (i) Siddha, (ii) Ayurveda and (iii) Unani systems of medicine as on 1st March 1962?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*)—

G.C.I.M. (Ayurveda)	354
G.C.I.M. (Siddha)	84
G.C.I.M. (Unani)	16
G.C.I.M. registered before 1957 but details of systems not known	52
Total G.C.I.Ms. ...	506
L.I.M. (Ayurveda)	999
L.I.M. (Siddah)	266
L.I.M. (Unani)	62
L.I.M. registered before 1958 bue details systems not known	214
Total L.I.Ms. ...	1,541

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the House that the following candidates have been validly nominated for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 7962–63 :—

1. Dr. T. V. Sivanandam.
2. Sri M. Rajah Iyer.
3. Sri R. Venkatachalam.
4. Srimathi Saraswathy Pandurangam.
5. Sri V. M. Surendra Ram.
6. Sri K. Rajaram.
7. Sri R. Venkataraman.
8. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
9. Dr. A. Chidambaranathan.

As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, nine, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges. The Deputy Chairman is a *ex-offficio* member.

Under rule 156 (4) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee.